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Renewal

Mary Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director



For the past three years, I have been pre-mourning the loss of my favorite tree - a huge crabapple in my backyard.

Unlike our AIA Minnesota president, **Phillip Koski, AIA**, a certified expert in gardening and horticulture, I have no green thumb. So when the leaves of the crabapple started turning yellow and dropping early, I was mildly concerned, assuming it was just a bad year. Then the black spots arrived. And last spring, very few flowers bloomed and very few leaves sprouted at all. I had done some Internet research and the prognosis wasn't good; I should have addressed the situation long before. The forums said it might be too late to save it. I was so sad about it that I suggested we cut the tree down.

My husband has always cursed the tree. It was relatively small when we first moved to our place 17 years ago so I never wanted it trimmed. As it grew, the low branches stayed low and got bigger, making mowing a harrowing experience for either of us (and I'm only 5' 2").

But he said, "Don't do it. I really think it'll come back. Just be patient. There's dormant life in there yet."

He convinced me. I trimmed up a few branches that were the most bare and have been waiting for this spring with fingers crossed.

This is not unlike what sometimes happens with our volunteer-led knowledge communities. A group will get started with gusto — several enthusiastic volunteer leaders propose a new group be formed, they tell their friends and colleagues and gather a critical mass. Launches go well and for years, even decades, there are regular meetings that participants find real value in; that grow their knowledge, their

connections, and their careers.

And then from time to time, a key volunteer leader moves to another state, or makes a career change, or runs out of steam, or broader engagement fades due to evolving architectural practice and priorities. If similar circumstances affect yet another volunteer leader, there can be a further cascading effect and the group can go dormant.

Our Health Design Knowledge Community and Technology in Architecture Practice (TAP) Knowledge Community have been through this cycle — and, I'm happy to say, they are moving swiftly from dormancy to renewal.

The [Health Design KC](#) has been building back. Three enthusiastic co-chairs have gotten quarterly meetings off the ground - another is set for July 9 (you should come!).

The [Technology in Architecture Practice KC](#) has a new lease on life with two volunteers having stepped forward to co-lead a resurgence.

This is the time of year to consider putting yourself forward for [member group leadership positions](#) — especially if you are already involved and have experienced the value of engaging. Stepping into leadership can keep a great thing going for years to come. You can even bring a dormant group back to life.

My crabapple is blooming again. I'd forgotten how incredible it is when healthy and in full flower.

Which member group will you keep strong and growing? Which group might blossom under your leadership?

CALL TO ACTION



Pam Nelson's Career Celebration Event

Wednesday, May 13, 4:30 pm

Crown Roller Mill, 2nd Floor Atrium

After more than 14 years of tremendous dedication to our community, **Pam Nelson, Hon. AIAMN**, will be retiring in May. During her tenure as sales director, Pam has been the lead generator of non-dues revenue for the organization and a staunch advocate for both the architecture community and the many partners who provide the products and services essential to the profession. Having cultivated hundreds of long-standing relationships with vendors, allied professionals, and members of the A/E/C industry, her expertise and leadership will be greatly missed.

To honor her impactful career and wish her the very best in this well-deserved next chapter, please join us for a retirement celebration on Wednesday, May 13, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at Crown Roller Mill. We look forward to gathering as a community to celebrate Pam's many contributions and toast to her future endeavors. [Please share your plans to attend »](#)

Homes by Architects Tour Deadline Extended

The deadline for submitting a project for this year's Homes by Architects Tour has been extended to **Friday, May 22, 2026, at 12:00 pm (noon) CST**. This year's tour is in person on Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20, 2026, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day, with a virtual tour available to view online Saturday, September 19–Sunday, October 4. [Learn more and submit »](#)

Young Architect Award Open for Submissions

The AIA Minnesota Young Architect Award recognizes individuals in the early stages of their architecture careers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to both the profession and the broader community. Eligible candidates are AIA Minnesota members who have been licensed to practice architecture for fewer than 10 years and who are currently licensed in Minnesota.

Submissions should demonstrate outstanding architectural achievement, leadership, and meaningful community impact. Selection criteria include, but are not limited to, excellence in the following areas:

- **Design:** Creation of buildings and environments that enhance the built community
- **Practice:** Leadership, management, and/or specialized technical expertise
- **Education:** Teaching, publications, and/or research
- **Service:** Exemplary professional service and contributions to the profession and society

Submissions are due **Friday, May 29, at 12:00 pm (noon) CST**. [Learn more and submit »](#)

Next Gen Award Open for Submissions

The Next Gen Award is presented annually to up to two recent graduates of a NAAB-accredited architecture program. This award recognizes individuals who demonstrate early leadership potential or exceptional service to the AIA, the architecture profession, or the broader community. AIA Minnesota members and Associate members who graduated from a NAAB-accredited architecture program within the past five years (2021 or later) are eligible. Licensure is not required.

Submissions should demonstrate the candidate's achievements in one or more of

the following areas:

- Early leadership potential and exceptional service
- Significant involvement in an AIA Minnesota committee, knowledge community, or initiative
- Contributions to the architecture profession through academic, professional, or volunteer efforts
- Meaningful contributions to the community through volunteering, activism, or leadership activities

Submissions are due **Friday, May 29, at 12:00 pm (noon) CST**. [Learn more and submit »](#)

Young Architects Award and Next Gen Award Open House Recording

If you missed the Young Architects Award and Next Gen Award Open House on April 2, you can [view a recording](#) of the event. Past recipients **Kelly Martinez, AIA**, **Justin Wang, AIA**, and **Nathan Anderson, AIA**, shared their approaches to creating a successful entry.

Open Discussion on AIA Fellowship & Young Architects Award

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, May 12, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm**, as we gather at **JLG Architects** in Minneapolis for an essential information session and social. This year's event expands beyond our traditional **AIA Fellowship** overview to include the national **Young Architects Award**, offering a comprehensive look at two of the AIA's most prestigious national honors. Whether you are an emerging leader licensed for fewer than 10 years or a seasoned professional with over a decade of membership, come learn how to navigate the submission process with support from the AIA Minnesota Fellowship Advisory Group. Join us for an evening of peer insights, professional guidance, and networking as we celebrate the exceptional contributions of our architectural community. [Register to attend »](#)

Call for Volunteers for MDT Houston, MN, Visit

Minnesotan Design Team (MDT) is seeking volunteers for our upcoming community visit to Houston, MN, this fall! Scheduled for September 24-26, this third visit marks an important phase in our ongoing partnership with the community.

Under the leadership of visit co-leaders **Katie Kangas, AIA**, **Emily Northey, AIA**, and **Amber Egofske, AIA**, the team will build upon the foundations laid during our previous work in the area. This is a fantastic opportunity to apply your design expertise and engagement skills toward meaningful, small-town revitalization.

If you are interested in contributing your time and talent to this effort, please complete the online application. Whether you have been part of the Houston project in the past or are looking to join your first MDT visit, we welcome your perspective. [Sign up to volunteer today »](#)

A'26 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



A'26 MN Conference

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

AIA Minnesota is seeking proposals for the A'26 MN Conference on Architecture scheduled for November 9–11 at The Minneapolis Renaissance Depot Hotel. **The deadline for proposals is Friday, May 15, 2026.** [Applications are now open »](#)

The Conference CE Committee seeks proposals on a wide variety of topics related to all building types, practice management skills, and of interest to architecture professionals in firms/organizations of all sizes. This year AIA Minnesota would like to additionally receive proposals that address the following three topics with suggested subtopics:

The Architect of the Future

- Growing skills and knowledge among emerging professionals
- Mentorship and connection, within and across generations
- Career paths within and beyond traditional practice
- Future-ready/resilient practice
- Economic impacts and trends
- Clients and brand
- Ownership models and leadership transitions

Hope and Awe: Cool Project Details

- Divine details
- Sustainable, resilient, regenerative design
- Innovations and technology in architecture
- Place-based architecture
- Case studies in design excellence
- Biomimicry and adaptation
- Biophilia

New Life for Existing Buildings

- Historic preservation
- Adaptive reuse and renovations
- Code solutions

- Accessibility upgrades
- Climate change and infrastructure
- Historical narratives and representation

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#) or [Ann Mayhew](#).

EXHIBIT AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The AIA Minnesota Conference on Architecture is the single largest annual event in the Midwest for architects.

Join us for the premier annual conference for Minnesota architects, engineers, contractors, designers, and building industry professionals. Exhibit and sponsor at this year's annual conference to showcase new products and new technologies in building products. Over 1,000+ attendees will attend to earn continuing education credits, hear keynote presentations, and network with state-of-the-art exhibiting companies.

This year's conference includes our annual Awards Celebration, which will include the announcement of our Honor Awards. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your products and services here and sponsor other events, as well. If this is your target audience, join us! [Learn more and view details on how to register »](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sneak Peek at the 2026 *ENTER* Print Annual

[Read](#) about the new edition in *ENTER* digital. The 168-page issue will be out in late May and can be purchased for \$18 plus \$4 shipping. AIA Minnesota members will receive a copy in the mail.

Unlock Your Next Opportunity with the AIA Minnesota Job Bank

Whether you're seeking a job or looking to hire new employees, the AIA Minnesota Job Bank is your FREE connection to talent and opportunities in Minnesota's architecture and design community.

Firms & Companies: [Start posting your open positions today »](#)

Job Seekers: [Begin your search for your next job now »](#)

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION



Wigington Application Open

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) is now accepting applications for the Clarence Wigington Architectural Scholarship! MAF will provide up to two (2) scholarships to students who demonstrate financial need, a commitment to pursuing architecture licensure in Minnesota, and a desire to carry on Mr. Wigington's legacy. The scholarship amount provided to each recipient is \$3,500 per semester (\$7,000 per academic year) and is an ongoing scholarship for up to three years (if a full course load of classes is successfully completed each semester). **Application deadline is May 29, 2026.** [Learn more »](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION



MINNESOTA LICENSE RENEWALS

A reminder that the deadline to renew your Minnesota architect license is June 30, 2026. The requirement is 24 Professional Development Hours (PDH) of which 2 must be Professional Ethics content. For details visit [AELSLAGID website](#).

AIA MINNESOTA ON-DEMAND WEBINARS

Plan to use AIA Minnesota's on-demand webinars to help you meet your continuing education requirements. Twelve on-demand webinars are available and all provide HSW credits, Ethics content, or both. These webinars are recordings from recent AIA Minnesota Conference programs, all of which were highly rated. For more details visit, [AIA Minnesota On-Demand Webinars »](#)

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen, Hon. AIAMN](#)

LEADERSHIP FORUM



The April session of the 2026 Leadership Forum was a full day spent with Mary-Margaret Zindren covering the Foundations of Intercultural Development. Prior to this meeting, each member of the cohort took an evaluative assessment to measure their current skills and then

received one-on-one guidance on next steps. The time together at the Forum was a mix of presentation and interactive exercises.

Comments on the evaluations included:

- “Wonderful session.”
- “Great info and presented in a way that was sensitive to where people may be.”
- “Really great session, probably my favorite one to date.”

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL



AIA26 CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

June 10-13, 2026

San Diego, CA

AIA26 is your front-row seat to what's next in architecture and design. Earn your HSW, GBCI, RIBA, and AIA LU credits for the year while exploring the trends, technologies, and ideas defining architecture and design. [Learn more about AIA26 »](#)

REPRESENT YOUR CHAPTER: DELEGATES NEEDED

Shape the future of the institute by serving as an official delegate. Delegates are the voice of their local chapters, participating in the AIA Annual Meeting and the election of national officers and at-large directors. Responsibilities Include:

- Reviewing candidate qualifications and experience summaries.
- Viewing pre-recorded candidate speeches and attending the virtual AIA Town Hall.
- Attending the AIA Minnesota delegate information session (virtual).
- In-person attendance at the AIA Annual Meeting and Candidate Caucus in San Diego.

We are currently seeking delegates from AIA Northern Minnesota, AIA St. Paul, and AIA Minneapolis. [Email Amber Allardyce by May 20 to indicate your interest »](#)

CONNECT & CELEBRATE: AIA MINNESOTA, U OF MN, AND DUNWOODY ALUMNI RECEPTION

Friday, June 12, 6:30 pm PST (NEW DATE!)

Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101

We'd love to see you! Make plans to stop by the Minnesota Alumni & Friends Reception to catch up with peers and celebrate our vibrant design community. [View event details and RSVP »](#)

AIA CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS OPENS MAY 1

AIA encourages participation from members who bring varied perspectives—across career stages, firm sizes, geographic regions, cultural backgrounds, and practice areas. We believe that diverse voices help ensure that our programs, policies, and initiatives reflect the evolving needs of the profession and the communities we serve. [Learn more »](#)

AIAU SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (SAP) EVALUATOR TRAINING

May 20-21, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 3CST

SAP is the training standard of the [AIA Disaster Assistance Program](#), which provides leadership, advocacy, and training to architects who are interested in volunteering their professional skills in times of crisis. This workshop will teach participants to conduct rapid damage assessments of structures affected by earthquakes, wind, and water. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to consistently and safely assess structures for habitability and will receive a nationally recognized Cal OES registration ID card from the state of California. [Learn more »](#)

AIA Q2 2026 ABI ECONOMIC INSIGHTS

May 22, 1:00 pm CST

Join AIA Chief Economist Richard Branch for a quarterly conversation about the [AIA/Deltek Architecture Billings Index \(ABI\)](#). The ABI is a leading monthly economic indicator that uses proprietary AIA data to predict nonresidential construction activity 9–12 months ahead. Get ahead of emerging challenges and opportunities and inform your strategic planning with key insights into the industry's latest economic data and trends. [Learn more and register »](#)

BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANTS AVAILABLE

Federal funding of \$1 billion is now available for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program, which helps states, local governments, territories and tribes build preparedness projects to harden against natural hazards like fires, floods, earthquakes and hurricanes. Funding prioritizes shovel-ready construction projects and incentivizes adoption of the latest hazard-resistant building codes. **The application deadline is July 23, 2026.** For more information, see [Evaluation Criteria for the BRIC National Competition for FY24-25](#).

ARCHITECTURE AT ZERO DESIGN COMPETITION

Architecture at Zero is a design competition for decarbonization, equity, and resilience, open to students and professionals worldwide. It serves to engage the fields of architecture, design, engineering and planning in the pursuit of sustainable design. The competition will be the design of the La Plaza Cultural Center at the Multi Agency Resilience Center, Antelope Valley, CA, a year-round educational and cultural venue that will transform into a resiliency asset during regional emergencies, offering critical support for evacuees, first responders, and multi-agency operations. Applications are due June 1, 2026. [Learn more »](#)

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

MERIT AWARD CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Merit Awards are distinguished by their unique jury composition. In addition to architects, the jury includes business professionals, real estate developers, community advocates, and academic leaders. This broad perspective ensures projects are evaluated through multiple lenses.

The Merit Awards recognize projects by AIA Minneapolis architects that:

- Tell a compelling story of excellence beyond design
- Emphasize public-interest design
- Embrace the varied forces that shape a building

Submissions are due **Friday, May 15, at 12:00 pm CST**. [Learn more and apply online »](#)

**GOLF OUTING****Monday, July 27****Majestic Oaks Golf Course in Ham Lake**

The tournament will include both 18-hole Signature and Crossroads Courses at Majestic Oaks, in Ham Lake, MN. Each hole is sponsored with giveaways and events. Come early for lunch, driving range pro tips, and a putting green contest. BBQ dinner to follow.

Be sure to bring some cash along to add another competitive twist to your day. Join the Minnesota Architectural Foundation board members at two special holes where you will have the chance to show your skill. If not, the Foundation and our budding scholars win! It's always a great event and fills up fast!

[Registration for golfers »](#)

[Registration for sponsors »](#)

Golf Committee

We are seeking golf outing committee members to help arrange this event. If you want to be a part of this committee which runs from May–July, please contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information.

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

**GOLF OUTING****Thursday, July 16**[Enger Park Golf Course](#)**1801 W. Skyline Parkway, Duluth**[Register »](#)

Registration is open for the annual AIA Northern Minnesota Golf Fundraiser! Have fun playing 18 holes of golf and raising money for the chapter's scholarship fund. [Registration due July 10.](#)

**BRINGING DESIGN INTO FOCUS: BUILDINGS + BEYOND: ADAPTIVE BUILDING REUSE****Tuesday, May 19****Blacklist Brewing**

Hosted by Architecture Advantage, the 9th annual Bringing Design Into FocUS event features a trade show followed by a presentation on adaptive building reuse. [Learn more & register »](#)

[CLOQUET AREA JOB AND CAREER FAIR MAY 19 »](#)**CALL FOR TOURS!**

Have an under-construction or recently completed project you'd like to share with chapter members? We're looking for project tours! Email board president [Melissa Lefebvre, AIA](#), with your suggestion.

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES**ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 3, 12:30 pm

[Virtual meeting](#)

2026 ARE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW OPEN

Application deadline is **Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 5:00 pm**

The AIA Minnesota Architect Licensing Advisory Committee coordinates awarding a scholarship to cover the costs of all sections of the Architect Registration Exam, which currently totals \$1,542.

Eligibility

- By the time of application, the applicant must be an AIA Minnesota Associate member or MSP NOMA member
- Newly graduated Dunwoody and UMN students may also be eligible if signed up as Associate AIA members. Visit [18 Months Free](#) for more details.
- Eligible applicants may have begun the test-taking process.
- The applicant's employer does not reimburse employees for test fees

How to apply? Complete the scholarship application including a 1,500-character or less essay response by May 27, 2026, 5:00 pm CST. [Visit ARE Scholarship for details »](#)

LIBATIONS + LICENSURE

Wednesday, May 13, 5:00 pm

Location: Malcolm Yards

Have questions about licensure, the AXP and AREs? Stuck on an exam/experience category? Don't know where to start? Join us for this afternoon version of Lattes + Licensure, an informal study, support, and resource group for architecture licensure candidates. Both Lattes + Licensure and Libations + Licensure aim to create a safe space for candidates to share their experiences, exchange knowledge and celebrate all the wins—big and small! No RSVP is needed. Come and go as you choose. Questions? Contact [Olivia Sprosty, AIA](#)

ALA CORE COMPETENCY SESSION: BUILDING ENVELOPE BASICS: WATER, AIR, VAPOR, AND THERMAL

Thursday, June 18, 4:00 pm

Location: BWBR

The ALA Committee invites you to sign up to attend their second Core Competency Session presented by **Rachael Spires, AIA**, Associate Principal, Performance Design & Quality Manager at BWBR, with an option to attend virtually, as well. This session will focus on the four barriers of the exterior wall (water, air, vapor, and thermal), including insulation types (inward and outward), and R-values. Visit [June Building Envelope Basics](#) for details.

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, May 13, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Topic: Update on the ICC Code adoption cycle

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, May 14, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

Tuesday, May 19, 3:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

TOUR OF CAMP TEKO

Thursday, May 28, 4:00 pm

[Register »](#)

Join us for guided tour of Camp Teko on Lake Minnetonka. Led by Locus Architecture and Urban Ecosystems, the tour highlights the successful completion of Phases I and II, which transformed a historic early 20th-century Boy Scout camp into a modern hub for spiritual and community youth programming. This will replace the regular virtual committee meeting in May.

COTE BOOK TALK WITH MEG CALKINS

Thursday, June 18, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Join author Meg Calkins for a discussion on her new book, *Details and Materials for Resilient Sites: A Climate Positive Approach* (2025). Calkins will explore how architects, landscape architects, and design teams can collaborate to reduce carbon impacts and close material loops. This session offers a multidisciplinary look at building environmental resilience through sustainable site construction and innovative material use.

(NOTE: this is a different meeting link; if you wish to attend this meeting, you need to register for it separately from the recurring COTE meeting series)

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 12, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly)

[Virtual meeting](#)

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

HAPPY HOUR

Monday, May 4, 4:30 pm

[Wold Architects and Engineers](#)

RSVP to [Deanna Christiansen](#)

ENTER COMMITTEE

This committee meets at noon on the fourth Friday of even-numbered months. The next meeting is June 26.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 19, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Join us for a recap of the 2026 legislative session, which is slated to close on May 18.

View the [2026 AIA Minnesota legislative agenda](#).

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Thursday, July 9, 2026, 12:00 pm

[Virtual meeting](#)

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 6, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Friday, May 8, 10:00 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Monday, May 18, 11:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

Wednesday, May 20, 4:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR HOUSTON, MN, VISIT

We are seeking volunteers for our upcoming community visit to Houston, MN, this fall! Scheduled for September 24–26, this third visit marks an important phase in our ongoing partnership with the community. If you are interested in contributing your time and talent to this effort, please complete the online application. Whether you have been part of the Houston project in the past or are looking to join your first MDT visit, we welcome your perspective. [Sign up to volunteer today »](#)

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 5, 11:30 am–1:00 pm **NOTE THE TIME & LOCATION CHANGE**

International Market Square

[Register to attend »](#)

Join us for a special extended and in-person Residential Architecture Committee! Agenda items include a review of the Homes by Architects Tour and a vote on changing the committee name to Minnesota Custom Residential Architects Network (CRAN). Lunch will be provided, sponsored

by [Cambria!](#) Please [register in advance](#) so we can have an accurate lunch count.

HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for Homes by Architects Tour submissions has been extended to **Friday, May 22 at 12:00 pm noon CT**. *Submissions received by the April 24 deadline will still be reviewed at the May 5 committee meeting.* [Learn more »](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- (Tentative) Friday, May 29 — Behind the Build Tour
- Thursday, June 4 — [Happy Hour](#)
- Wednesday, Sept. 9 — [Happy Hour](#)
- Wednesday, Dec. 9 — [Happy Hour](#)

MSP HOME TOUR

The MSP Home Tour is a free self-guided tour of remodeled homes in the Twin Cities metro area happening this weekend, May 2 & 3. See the work of AIA Minnesota members at [Home #19](#), designed by Anchor Builders. [Learn more »](#)

The Residential Architecture Committee is a chapter of AIA CRAN, the Custom Residential Architects Network. [Learn more about CRAN and access its forums and resources »](#)

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 20, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

YOUTH IN ARCHITECTURE/ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 21, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Ethan Barber, Assoc. AIA
 Mitch Borgen, AIA
 David Havlicek, AIA
 Will Leners, Assoc. AIA
 Ryan Loudonback, Assoc. AIA
 Amy Luschen, Assoc. AIA
 Quan Nguyen, Assoc. AIA

Leah Olson, Assoc. AIA
 Maria Travina, Assoc. AIA
 Trevor Young, Assoc. AIA

New Allied Member
 TriMark

IN MEMORIAM

Michael Cox, AIA, and **Rick Moore, AIA**, both long-time partners at Wold Architects and Engineers, passed away recently. Details on memorials will be forthcoming.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[UMN PRODUCT INNOVATION LAB PLAYSENTATIONS MAY 7 »](#)

[UMN INTERIOR DESIGN SENIOR SHOWCASE MAY 12 »](#)

[UMN COLLEGE OF DESIGN GRADUATING STUDENTS INDUSTRY NIGHT MAY 13 »](#)

[ELIZABETH SCHEU CLOSE: A LIFE IN ARCHITECTURE EXHIBIT THROUGH MAY 22 »](#)

[UMN ILLUSIVE OBJECTS EXHIBITION THROUGH JULY 2 »](#)

[THE ART OF LOOKING: ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY RETREAT JULY 19-23 »](#)



CITY STORIES

City Stories is a new weeklong, multi-location event May 4–8 that invites visitors and locals to explore the Twin Cities through the lens of architecture, history, and design. Hosted by Rethos and NARI MN, City Stories is bookmarked by the MSP Home Tour on May 2 & 3 and Doors Open Minneapolis on May 9 & 10. [Learn more and join in »](#)

REUSE DESIGN LEADERS WORKSHOP SERIES

Reuse of valuable building materials at scale is the next frontier in sustainable design! Join Hennepin County leaders starting on Earth Day for a three-part Reuse Design Leaders Workshop Series. Experts will show how architects and contractors are designing and building with reclaimed building materials. The program is for architects, designers and building owners. [Learn more »](#)



MSP HOME TOUR

The MSP Home Tour is a free self-guided tour of remodeled homes in the Twin Cities metro area on May 2 & 3. It brings together thousands of home enthusiasts for a weekend of exploring and sharing home remodeling ideas, from homes of all vintages. See the work of AIA Minnesota members at [Home #19](#), designed by Anchor Builders. [Learn more »](#)

UMN ONLINE RESOURCES

Visit the College of Design's [online calendar](#) for regular updates on activities.

UMN CAREER AND INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

Employers with jobs, internships, or smaller, project-based micro-internships are encouraged to post opportunities for students and recent grads at [careerhelp.umn.edu](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the [AIA Minnesota Events Calendar](#) for more information about upcoming events.

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